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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 20, 2011, at 11 a.m.

House of Representatives

MONDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2011

The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer:
O Lord our God, we give You thanks for giving us another day. You have kept us in life, sustained us, and allowed us to reach this moment.

Bless the Members of the people's House that you have gifted to serve our Nation. As the first session of the 112th Congress draws near a close, we ask Your special blessing upon those who have given so much time and talent throughout this year and, in these closing days, the staffers of each congressional office and the various committees. Grant them peace and renewal in the weeks to come.

Grant the Members of this Chamber continued wisdom and charity as the work of this session comes to a close. May they be truly grateful for the awesome privilege which is theirs, to serve the people of our Nation in this august body.

Help us all to be truly grateful for what we have and generous in what we do. May all that is done this day be for Your greater honor and glory.
Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to section 3(a) of House Resolution 493, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. The Chair will lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The SPEAKER led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, December 16, 2011.

Hon. JOHN A. BOEHNER,
The Speaker, U.S. Capitol, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on December 16, 2011 at 8:28 p.m.:

That the Senate agreed to without amendment H.J. Res. 94.

With best wishes, I am
Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS.

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, December 17, 2011.
Hon. JOHN A. BOEHNER,
The Speaker, U.S. Capitol, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on December 17, 2011 at 4:19 p.m.:

That the Senate agreed to without amendment H.R. 789.

That the Senate agreed to without amendment H.R. 2422.

That the Senate agreed to without amendment H.R. 1264.

That the Senate passed S. 1874.

That the Senate passed S. 1710.

That the Senate passed S. 1959.

That the Senate concur in the amendment of The House of Representatives to the bill S. 278.

With best wishes, I am
Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS.

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OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, December 17, 2011.

Hon. JOHN A. BOEHNER,
The Speaker, U.S. Capitol, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on December 17, 2011 at 11:23 a.m.:

□ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., □ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

Matter set in this typeface indicates words inserted or appended, rather than spoken, by a Member of the House on the floor.



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